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TAGS: SHUM, CARR, AR (OLGA TALAMANTE)  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DANTE FASCELL'S INQUIRY

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny  
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REFERENCE: STATE 195549

CONGEN DISCUSSED REFTTEL AND CASE WITH CONGRESSMAN  
FASCELL FRIDAY EVENING AUG 19. DRAFT OF FOLLOWING  
REPLY ALSO DISCUSSED.

1. EMBASSY WAS NEVER INFORMED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES  
THAT THEY HAD DETAINED TALAMANTE. AT SAME TIME  
TALAMANTE NEVER REQUESTED ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES TO  
NOTIFY EMBASSY OF HER DETENTION AND NEVER ATTEMPTED  
TO COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY. ALL HER COMMUNICATIONS  
WERE THRU UNDERGROUND SOURCES TO "OLGA TALAMANTE  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE" IN U.S. WHICH IN TURN NOTIFIED  
DEPARTMENT WHO PASSED TO EMBASSY.

2. DATE SHOULD BE NOV 10, 1974, RPT 1974.

3. DATE SHOULD BE DEC 10, 1974, RPT 1974.  
HOWEVER, HER ORIGINAL COMPLAINT OF TORTURE WAS MADE  
TO "OLGA TALAMANTE DEFENSE COMMITTEE", RATHER THAN  
TO EMBASSY OFFICER.

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4. CORRECT.

5. U.S. DOCTOR WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM ANY ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT. HE FOUND A BRUISE ON HER ANKLE THE SIZE OF A U.S. QUARTER WHICH ACCORDING TO HIM COULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY NYLON ROPE OR BANGING HER ANKLE AGAINST A BED POST.

6. ACCORDING TO JUDGE, PRISON DOCTOR WHO EXAMINED HER FOUND A RED MARK ON HER BACK OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN. SHE CLAIMED MISTREATMENT AND POLICE DENIED MISTREATMENT. JUDGE WAS UNABLE ON BASIS OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION TO CONFIRM OR DENY HER ALLEGATIONS.

7. COMMENT: COINCIDENTAL TIMING OF REFTEL AND CONGRESSMAN FASCELL'S VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES ALLOWED CONGEN TO HAVE DETAILED AND FRANK DISCUSSION ABOUT SUBJECT. FASCELL INDICATED THAT LETTER SENT TO DEPARTMENT WAS ORIGINATED BY HIS STAFF AND THAT HE NOW APPRECIATED QUESTIONS INVOLVED.  
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